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MONTHLY COMPLETION REPORT FOR U.S. OIL, GAS, AND DRY WELLS

As a result of a time lag between the time a well is completed and the time its completion is reported, the published numbers do not reflect the total number of wells actually completed. Consequently, the data is preliminary and subject to revision. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions reported for the current month and each of the eleven prior months (Table I). For comparison purposes, the same period reported one year ago is also included.

The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests as well as service wells. The geographic distribution for well completions and footage drilled is available on a quarterly basis, in the API publication entitled the "Quarterly Completion Report".

Total Wells Completed

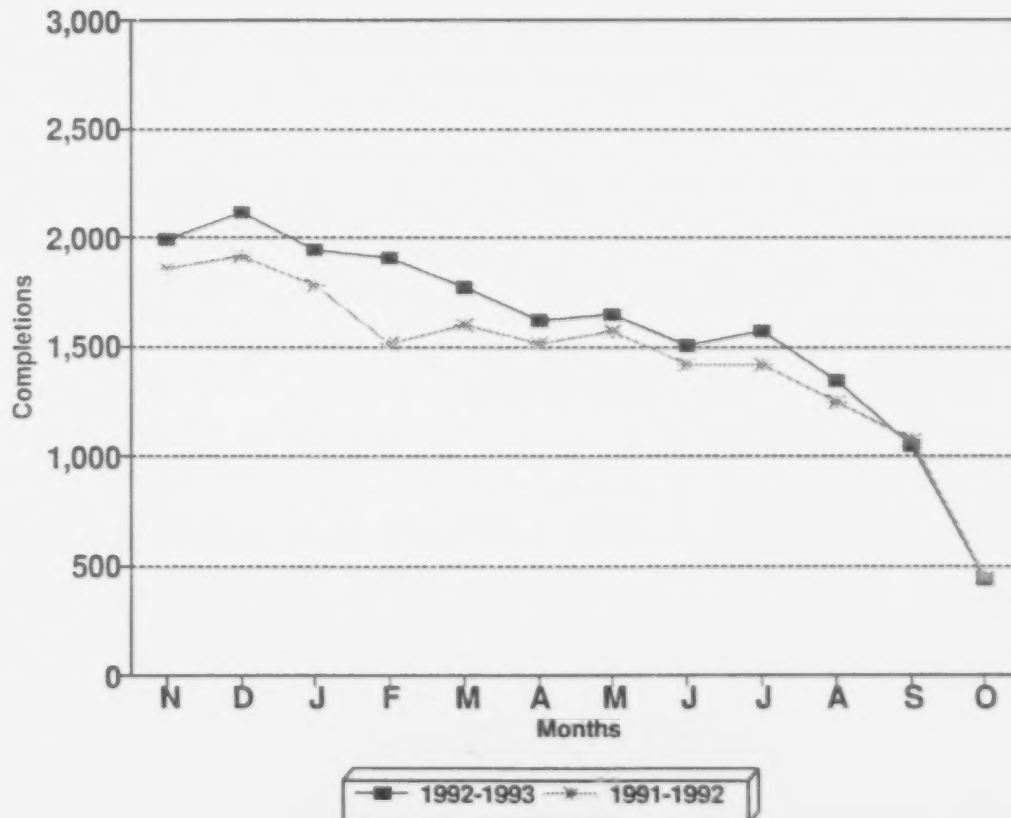


TABLE E: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF OCTOBER, 1993(1)

	OIL WELLS(2)		GAS WELLS(3)		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS(4)	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1993	5,002	27,865,012	5,152	33,322,291	4,622	24,134,505	14,776	85,321,808	15,156	86,814,794
1993 OCT	134	766,527	71	602,810	228	1,265,476	433	2,634,813	443	2,674,391
SEP	362	2,206,604	262	1,855,885	427	2,337,042	1,051	6,399,531	1,081	6,524,377
AUG	498	2,641,336	366	2,612,572	475	2,564,773	1,339	7,818,681	1,384	8,024,375
JUL	549	3,293,638	370	2,541,721	655	3,057,985	1,574	8,893,344	1,609	9,092,019
JUN	546	3,285,237	443	2,743,855	515	2,610,276	1,504	8,639,368	1,544	8,817,295
MAY	539	2,876,774	538	3,606,754	565	2,895,974	1,642	9,379,502	1,681	9,526,135
APR	562	3,241,915	558	4,164,180	502	2,628,534	1,622	10,034,629	1,675	10,204,042
MAR	610	3,053,883	795	5,081,413	366	2,043,516	1,771	10,178,812	1,818	10,321,881
FEB	560	2,979,720	872	5,134,416	467	2,546,353	1,899	10,660,489	1,936	10,784,562
JAN	642	3,519,378	877	4,978,685	422	2,184,576	1,941	10,682,639	1,985	10,845,717
TOTAL 1992	8,513	43,874,106	7,384	42,480,060	6,296	32,143,584	22,193	118,497,750	23,156	120,764,016
1992 DEC	771	4,067,347	900	5,096,575	445	2,453,079	2,116	11,617,001	2,218	11,812,189
NOV	698	3,701,281	825	4,898,252	478	2,470,465	2,001	11,069,998	2,060	11,245,615
OCT	766	3,659,128	885	5,052,574	562	2,840,731	2,213	11,552,433	2,290	11,724,161
SEP	789	3,957,123	636	3,742,405	554	2,908,621	1,979	10,608,149	2,049	10,768,969
AUG	639	3,223,851	593	3,395,890	586	2,863,224	1,818	9,482,965	1,874	9,594,988
JUL	701	3,639,991	523	2,932,119	564	2,759,286	1,788	9,331,396	1,850	9,466,868
JUN	673	3,518,120	485	2,856,084	517	2,533,402	1,675	8,907,606	1,725	9,054,946
MAY	668	3,536,204	455	2,746,626	613	2,938,910	1,736	9,221,740	1,801	9,416,242
APR	682	3,448,707	422	2,622,246	529	2,705,994	1,633	8,776,947	1,758	9,098,236
MAR	740	3,851,618	489	2,811,628	505	2,678,816	1,734	9,342,062	1,839	9,511,634
FEB	615	3,220,383	562	2,978,576	433	2,315,636	1,610	8,514,595	1,715	8,776,538
JAN	771	4,050,353	609	3,347,085	510	2,675,420	1,890	10,072,858	1,977	10,293,630
TOTAL 1991	11,719	54,171,825	8,994	47,526,640	7,637	39,308,693	28,350	141,007,158	29,519	143,911,066
1991 DEC	747	3,656,873	679	3,758,124	610	3,248,017	2,036	10,663,014	2,108	10,906,518
NOV	727	3,337,689	631	3,922,207	619	3,038,202	1,977	10,298,098	2,059	10,461,958
OCT	930	4,141,772	786	4,135,535	696	3,603,294	2,412	11,881,601	2,500	12,074,613
SEP	826	3,695,980	723	3,604,563	615	3,166,866	2,164	10,467,409	2,268	10,708,501
AUG	961	4,315,437	780	4,104,709	649	3,307,916	2,390	11,728,062	2,472	11,954,304
JUL	943	4,280,836	808	4,217,953	702	3,422,263	2,453	11,921,052	2,574	12,248,204
JUN	919	4,154,401	769	4,103,028	617	3,070,095	2,305	11,327,524	2,405	11,570,634
MAY	1,016	4,674,195	714	3,665,850	620	3,015,746	2,350	11,355,791	2,467	11,581,696
APR	1,110	5,220,510	720	3,853,551	637	3,323,121	2,467	12,397,182	2,563	12,665,547
MAR	1,146	5,472,886	779	4,113,654	642	3,421,623	2,567	13,008,163	2,654	13,287,215
FEB	1,183	5,384,579	722	3,842,021	639	3,429,630	2,544	12,656,230	2,641	12,892,627
JAN	1,211	5,836,667	883	4,204,445	591	3,261,920	2,685	13,303,032	2,808	13,559,249
TOTAL 1990	12,087	54,079,016	10,488	53,738,998	8,460	43,538,713	31,035	151,356,727	31,886	153,656,291
TOTAL 1989	10,309	43,301,575	9,219	47,726,584	8,355	42,503,631	27,883	133,531,790	28,574	135,796,321

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**TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF OCTOBER, 1993(1)**

	OIL WELLS(2)		GAS WELLS(3)		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1993	303	1,930,304	263	1,522,064	1,693	9,710,818	2,259	13,163,186
1993: OCT	9	51,189	5	29,860	90	516,617	104	597,666
SEP	17	109,208	17	107,644	158	944,290	192	1,161,142
AUG	19	101,678	30	176,530	193	1,134,873	242	1,413,081
JUL	33	212,072	18	79,018	236	1,193,707	287	1,484,797
JUN	38	214,341	25	145,721	202	1,144,067	265	1,504,129
MAY	39	241,337	33	231,535	155	844,261	227	1,317,133
APR	48	319,033	26	170,809	191	1,125,231	265	1,615,073
MAR	27	178,937	29	150,477	160	1,010,755	216	1,340,169
FEB	32	223,025	45	243,024	158	942,806	235	1,408,855
JAN	41	279,484	35	187,446	150	854,211	226	1,321,141
TOTAL 1992	484	3,128,594	370	2,275,541	2,588	13,920,736	3,442	19,324,871
1992: DEC	28	194,220	28	142,251	161	938,436	217	1,274,907
NOV	40	246,014	36	225,618	163	921,933	239	1,393,565
OCT	34	230,218	35	215,246	210	1,091,617	279	1,537,081
SEP	37	251,284	22	115,707	228	1,224,139	287	1,591,130
AUG	43	270,686	34	183,278	248	1,259,576	325	1,713,540
JUL	45	251,429	33	205,382	268	1,386,277	346	1,853,088
JUN	48	324,084	34	231,797	215	1,183,195	297	1,739,076
MAY	38	254,911	26	152,960	249	1,209,460	313	1,627,331
APR	46	275,024	26	132,069	249	1,363,306	321	1,770,399
MAR	37	204,549	28	207,531	205	1,119,553	270	1,531,633
FEB	40	265,465	34	235,639	171	930,298	245	1,431,402
JAN	48	340,710	34	228,063	221	1,292,946	303	1,861,719
TOTAL 1991	574	3,583,852	515	3,350,276	3,294	18,701,024	4,383	25,635,152
1991: DEC	39	288,738	51	279,389	269	1,488,450	359	2,056,577
NOV	32	180,177	42	310,031	291	1,541,172	365	2,031,380
OCT	36	188,412	48	292,337	300	1,616,789	384	2,097,538
SEP	36	244,812	34	191,507	252	1,459,603	322	1,895,922
AUG	52	336,947	39	243,751	307	1,669,537	398	2,250,235
JUL	60	347,996	37	237,299	313	1,780,228	410	2,365,523
JUN	54	316,853	44	298,803	257	1,478,329	355	2,093,985
MAY	43	251,978	41	304,780	249	1,379,060	333	1,935,818
APR	52	358,493	38	247,117	266	1,574,198	356	2,179,808
MAR	58	383,769	37	256,969	271	1,651,692	366	2,292,430
FEB	50	335,642	56	391,792	265	1,561,568	371	2,289,002
JAN	62	350,035	48	296,501	254	1,500,398	364	2,146,934
TOTAL 1990	647	4,295,486	651	4,378,410	3,812	21,526,174	5,110	30,200,070
TOTAL 1989	601	3,569,514	694	4,471,008	3,994	21,851,968	5,289	29,892,490

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**TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS(1) BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING OCTOBER, 1993**

	OIL WELLS(2)		GAS WELLS(3)		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED CURRENT MONTH(4)	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1993	686	3,660,714	614	3,884,319	623	3,460,696	1,923	11,005,729	2,005	11,252,609
1993: OCT	134	766,527	71	602,810	228	1,265,476	433	2,634,813	443	2,674,391
SEP	282	1,726,365	195	1,361,187	224	1,227,216	701	4,314,768	727	4,430,459
AUG	96	525,989	116	698,544	68	375,212	280	1,599,745	293	1,650,752
JUL	42	200,692	57	283,849	28	144,700	127	629,241	129	632,616
JUN	33	133,207	40	190,592	25	133,872	98	457,671	103	465,331
MAY	39	111,160	36	128,670	13	62,465	88	302,295	94	311,396
APR	26	65,483	22	114,762	20	144,291	68	324,536	77	334,276
MAR	22	70,857	27	194,161	8	59,468	57	324,486	61	328,925
FEB	6	31,050	28	201,767	6	30,806	40	263,623	47	269,912
JAN	6	29,384	22	107,977	3	17,190	31	154,551	31	154,551
TOTAL 1992	69	382,135	78	337,941	51	182,303	198	902,379	211	921,629
1992: DEC	8	44,006	17	79,931	2	17,392	27	141,329	38	152,691
NOV	6	21,919	11	47,362	11	36,508	28	105,789	29	106,339
OCT	4	12,729	8	26,556	1	4,000	13	43,285	13	43,285
SEP	5	38,196	9	34,026	4	17,028	18	89,250	18	89,250
AUG	8	51,960	10	31,229	4	11,410	22	94,599	22	94,599
JUL	9	42,750	3	8,487	3	13,412	15	64,649	15	64,649
JUN	7	13,045	5	26,729	4	8,657	16	48,431	16	48,431
MAY	5	51,219	1	3,581	5	15,685	11	70,485	11	70,485
APR	4	27,313	1	500	7	16,030	12	43,843	13	51,181
MAR	4	4,204	2	6,957	4	15,109	10	26,270	10	26,270
FEB	4	28,713	7	40,647	2	3,440	13	72,800	13	72,800
JAN	5	46,081	4	31,936	4	23,632	13	101,649	13	101,649
TOTAL 1991	21	101,209	55	288,457	17	67,111	93	456,777	100	464,400
1991: DEC	2	15,790	11	59,071	2	11,068	15	85,929	15	85,929
NOV	1	8,340	11	69,029	0	0	12	77,369	12	77,369
OCT	7	37,712	3	23,424	0	0	10	61,136	10	61,136
SEP	2	12,910	5	38,575	1	2,039	8	53,524	12	59,367
AUG	2	2,480	5	31,695	1	900	8	35,075	10	36,135
JUL	3	4,945	4	21,148	5	5,822	12	31,915	12	31,915
JUN	0	0	3	8,320	2	15,723	5	24,043	5	24,043
MAY	2	8,720	1	2,325	4	27,414	7	38,459	7	38,459
APR	1	2,252	3	10,039	1	2,785	5	15,076	5	15,076
MAR	0	0	8	22,498	1	1,360	9	23,858	9	23,858
FEB	0	0	1	2,333	0	0	1	2,333	2	3,053
JAN	1	8,060	0	0	0	0	1	8,060	1	8,060
TOTAL 1990	15	132,186	9	50,452	16	56,207	40	238,845	41	240,095
YRS PRIOR TO 1990	52	282,675	39	249,659	38	107,455	129	639,789	132	656,169
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED(5)	843	4,558,919	795	4,810,828	745	3,873,772	2,383	13,243,519	2,489	13,534,902

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of November 1, 1993. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
(Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period October 2, 1993 through November 1, 1993. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.